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TOURISM AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

Ladakh, the 13th day of August, 2026

S.O 244.- In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 19 of the Union Territory of the Ladakh Heritage Conservation and Preservation Act, 2026 (hereinafter referred to as the Act), as applicable to the UT of Ladakh, and in supersession of Jammu and Kashmir

Heritage and Conservation Act, 2010. The Administration hereby makes the following Rules:

CHAPTER I
PRELIMINARY

1. Short Title and Commencement

a) These Rules may be called the Ladakh Heritage Conservation and Preservation Rules, 2026.

b) They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette of UT Ladakh.

2. Definitions

In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires,

a) **"Act"** means the Jammu and Kashmir Heritage Conservation and Preservation Act, 2010;

b) **"Authority"** means Ladakh Heritage Conservation and Preservation Authority;

c) **"Heritage"** means tangible, intangible and natural heritage as declared under Section 3 of the Act.

d) **"Section"** means a Section of the Act;

e) **"Chairperson"** means the Chairperson of the Authority;

f) **"Executive Committee"** means the Executive Committee constituted under section 8 of the Act;

g) **"Member Secretary"** means the Member Secretary of the Authority or the Executive Committee, as the case may be;

h) All words used but not defined shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Jammu and Kashmir Heritage Conservation and Preservation Act, 2010.

CHAPTER II

CONSTITUTION OF THE AUTHORITY

3. **Composition of Ladakh Heritage Conservation and Preservation Authority**

a) The Composition of the Ladakh Heritage and Conservation Authority shall be as indicated herein below:

Official Members:

S. No.	Designation	Remarks
1.	Chief Secretary, UT Ladakh	Chairperson
2.	Administrative Secretary, Housing & Urban Development Department, UT Ladakh	Member
3.	Administrative Secretary, Rural Development Department, UT Ladakh	Member
4.	Administrative Secretary, Public Works (R&B) Department, UT Ladakh	Member
5.	Director, Tourism & Culture, UT Ladakh	Member
6.	Deputy Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museum, UT Ladakh	Member
7.	Deputy Secretary, Ladakh Academy of Art, Culture & Languages, Leh, UT Ladakh	Member
8.	Deputy Secretary, Ladakh Academy of Art, Culture & Languages, Kargil, UT Ladakh	Member
9.	Administrative Secretary, Tourism & Culture Department, UT Ladakh	Member Secretary

Non-Official Members to be nominated by the Chairperson:

S. No.	Designation	Remarks
10.	One (01) Expert with 10 years' experience in the field of Heritage Conservation	Member
11.	One (01) Environmentalist with 10 years of active	Member

	experience	
12.	One (01) Eminent Historian on Ladakhi Heritage & History	Member
13.	One (01) Representative of NGOs/Agencies working in Ladakh in the field of Heritage Conservation and Preservation	Member

b) The Chairperson of the Authority shall have power to invite subject experts with proven knowledge and experience as and when required as invitees.

CHAPTER III
TERMS OF OFFICE, POWER AND FUNCTION

4. Tenure of Non-Official Members of the Authority

The tenure of the non-official members/ invitees of the Authority shall be three years. However, a non-official member/ invitee can be renominated for a second term.

5. Powers and Functions of the Authority

The powers and functions of the Authority include following points:

a) To make regulations under Section 20 of the Act for the conservation, protection and administration of heritage sites/building/areas/precincts/ monuments/artifacts, etc;

b) To list and grade the intangible and tangible heritage sites/areas/objects under Section 3 of the Act;

c) To advise the UT Administration on Conservation and Preservation policies including creation of its bylaws and regulations etc. relating to the Ladakh Protected Heritage;

d) To evolve guidelines for listing, grading and inspection for Conservation and Preservation of heritage;

e) To identify priority areas and prepare plans for Conservation and Preservation of heritage under Section 10 of the Act;

f) To administer the “Ladakh Heritage Conservation and Preservation Fund" constituted under Section 13 of the Act.

g) To sponsor research and study projects on heritage preservation and conservation science;

h) To sponsor program and projects for heritage education and awareness.

i) To create conservation infrastructure in the shape of laboratories/cells;

j) To monitor the implementation of heritage conservation plans and bring any lapse or shortcomings in the implementation thereof to the notice of the Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh;

k) To plan, sponsor and promote integrated development plans for promotion of Heritage/Eco Tourism.

l) To constitute, if deemed necessary, one or more committees including committees at the regional level and authorize such committees to perform such functions as may be notified.

m) To delegate any of the functions exercisable by the Authority to the Executive Committee; and

n) Any other function as may be assigned by the Administration of Union Territory of Ladakh from time to time.

o) To raise funds for research, conservation, planning, etc. from any credible sources. (This may include funds in CSR or any government/autonomous/private agencies.)

p) To work/collaborate with other agencies/organizations/institutes etc. in the related or allied field of conservation.

q) To send participants from UT Ladakh to attend Seminar/Conference/Workshops/Training/Programs to enhance capacity in the field of Conservation, at National or International level.

r) As and where required for any developmental/major projects both public and private, in the UTL, it may have to undergo "Heritage Impact Assessment" in line with the Environmental Impact Assessment.

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6. **Composition of the Executive Committee**

a) The Executive Committee shall have the following composition:

S. No.	Designation	Remarks
1.	Administrative Secretary, Tourism & Culture Department, UT Ladakh	Chairperson
2.	Director, Tourism & Culture, UT Ladakh	Member
3.	Deputy Secretary, Ladakh Academy of Art, Culture & Languages, Leh, UT Ladakh	Member
4.	Deputy Secretary, Ladakh Academy of Art, Culture & Languages, Kargil, UT Ladakh	Member
5.	One (01) Representative of NGOs/Agencies working in Ladakh in the field of Heritage Conservation and Preservation	Member
6.	Deputy Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museum, UT Ladakh	Member Secretary

b) The Chairperson of the Executive Committee shall have power to invite subject experts with proven knowledge and experience as and when required as invitees.

CHAPTER IV

MEETING AND BUSINESS OF THE AUTHORITY & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

7. **Periodicity and Place of Meetings**

a) The Authority shall convene at least two meetings in a calendar year, while the Executive Committee shall meet at least once every three months.

b) The Chairperson of the Authority or of the Executive Committee may, at any time, convene a meeting of the respective body to deliberate on any matter deemed necessary.

c) Upon receipt of a written requisition, specifying the subject for discussion, from not less than one-third of the existing members of the respective body, the Chairperson may convene a meeting at any time.

d) Notice for meetings of the Authority or the Executive Committee shall be issued by the Member Secretary, or by any officer duly authorized in this behalf, along with the agenda, with the approval of the Chairperson, at least seven days prior to the scheduled date of the meeting.

e) Meetings of the Authority and the Executive Committee shall be held at such place and venue as may be determined by the Chairperson.

f) Every meeting shall be presided over by the Chairperson. In the event that the Chairperson is unable to attend at short notice, the meeting shall be chaired by the Member Secretary of the Authority or a senior member of the Executive Committee, as nominated by the Chairperson.

8. **Procedure and Business Conduct**

a) The quorum for meetings of the Executive Committee shall be 50% of the total existing membership.

b) In the event that a meeting is adjourned due to lack of quorum, no quorum shall

be required for convening a subsequent meeting to deliberate on the same agenda.

c) The Member Secretary of the Executive Committee shall be responsible for recording the proceedings of each meeting. The recorded proceedings shall be issued after obtaining approval from the Chairperson.

d) The minutes of the meetings, duly signed by the Chairperson and the Member Secretary, shall form part of the permanent records of the Executive Committee and shall be maintained in the safe custody of the Chairperson.

9. **Records to be Maintained in the Office of the Authority**

a) A comprehensive repository of documents detailing all assets belonging to the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

b) Catalogues and informational brochures providing detailed descriptions of the heritage assets under the Administration of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

By Order of the Lieutenant Governor, Union Territory of Ladakh.

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